

Mailing address: Genetics Bldg.

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Dear Sol: *Bordeal*

I am very sorry to have to bother you again, but things did not work out at Melbourne as I might have hoped to take up the Hemophilus experiments and I would like to make a new start.

The broth culture you sent me in July did not grow out (perhaps not surprisingly); I'm afraid I left the lyophil culture down at Melbourne. The DNA solution has been kept in the refrigerator since July. If you think this is likely to be still OK, all I would need would be another culture of your recipient strain. I still have your very detailed instructions.

We have had a record of dismal failure so far in attempts at dna-mediated transduction in E. coli, with or without protoplasts. Among other things, I hope that some tangible experience with a system that does work might help furnish some needed clues for this problem.

My thanks for your prompt and generous response to my earlier request, and I hope this one will not inconvenience you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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